

# ADOPTED BY FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS



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Federation Of  
Sea Anglers**  
(CORNISH DIVISION)

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DIGGING BAIT

Estuaries are amongst the richest areas for wildlife. Cornish estuaries are important for the wealth of life living in the mud on the shore, which also provides an abundance of food for other animals.

Amongst the creatures living here are Rag, Lug, and King Rag worms. These are highly sought after baits for fishing. When you go to dig for bait please observe the following Code of Conduct. By doing so you will not only ensure that there is plenty of bait available for everyone in the future, but you will also ensure that these important areas remain a haven for other wildlife.

### **BACK - FILL ALL DIGGINGS**

**This minimises disturbance to remaining animals and doesn't interfere with other beach users.**

### **DO NOT DIG CLOSE TO BOAT MOORINGS OR DISTURB THEM**

### **PUT ROCKS BACK AS YOU FOUND THEM**

### **DO NOT DIG IN THE UPPER SHORE AREAS**

**This is where Lugworms breed**

### **REMEMBER: ALL LUG LEAVE A CAST, OTHER BAIT WORMS DO NOT**

**Thin casts are made by small worms, thick casts by large ones**

### **DO NOT TAKE MORE WORMS THAN YOU CAN USE OR KEEP**

**This also applies to bait purchases, even if you can afford to waste money!**

### **LEAVE UNDERSIZED WORMS**

**5" for Lug and 6" for Rag. They are your future supply of bait.**

### **DO NOT DIG IN APRIL AND MAY - WHEN SPAWNING OCCURS**

**ripe worms are easy to recognise - THEY ARE BRIGHT GREEN.**

**SHOW THAT YOU CARE FOR YOUR SPORT. MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE GOOD AMBASSADOR FOR FISHING BY FOLLOWING THIS CODE.**

**WE ARE DOING OUR BEST: THE REST IS UP TO YOU**

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